

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-13 and 16-18 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 14 and 15 are canceled, claims 2, 3, 6, 11, 13, 16 and 17 are amended, and claim 18 is added.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claim 12 is allowed.

**I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-11 and 13-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over JP 2000-147475 to Miyashita and claims 1, 2, 11 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,170,195 to Akiyama et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Neither Miyashita nor Akiyama disclose a cover including a side wall that opposes a side surface of an electro-optical panel, the side wall of the cover having an inner surface contacting a side portion of a plate and an outer surface including a plurality of fins at positions opposing a side portion of the plate, as in new independent claim 18.

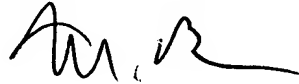
Instead, Miyashita discloses a side wall of element 80 is in contact with element 50 and not in contact with the other element 80. In Akiyama, the inner surface of a side wall of the cover does not contact the side surface of the plate. See, e.g., Figs. 2, 4, 6, 10, 13, 15 and 17-22.

**II. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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